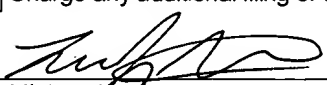
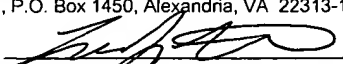
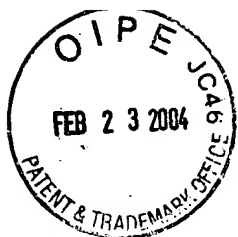


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Dear Sir:

Applicants submit the following remarks in response to the Office Action dated November 24, 2003.

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